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MARGINAL COLUMN
By MEIR MINDLIN

THE Project for Translating the World's Classics into Hebrew raises the bogey of direction from above in cultural matters, the dilemma of excellence versus subsidy, the question of whether it is possible to support art with public funds without frustrating creative effort. Since the cost of living rises without giving the artist a commensurate financial return, state support has become necessary even in democratic societies. The problem is approached differently in different countries: the British and French give direct subsidies to their theatre, opera and ballet companies, and the Arts Council in Britain purchases paintings as well. In the U.S. there are a number of private foundations which award grants (without strings attached) to writers, composers and painters, and some very fine work has been produced this way. The Translation Project will involve the dispensation of considerable patronage, and we express the pious hope that it be dispensed wisely.

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MOST literatures acquire their classic translations of foreign works over a long period of time, and these may become an integral part of them, such as Amyot's Plutarch in French, the Schlegel-Tieck Shakespeare in German, Chapman's or Pope's Homer. The aim of the Project must surely be to make available to the Hebrew reader the riches of other cultures, for Hebrew literature is insufficient in itself. The trouble is that it all has to be made available at once, and at a time when the Hebrew language is in a state of transition. Literate Israelis will never be able to dispense with the knowledge of a foreign language as their key to the outer world — the main purpose of the Project should be to make additions to the body of *Hebrew* literature.

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THIS leaves us with the problem of choice, by no means a simple one. Much of the world's great literature is in verse form, from the Greek dramatists, through Dante, the Elizabethans, Racine, and Goethe, to our modern poets, and you just don't order a verse translation; you are fortunate if there is a gifted and scholarly poet around who is interested in undertaking the job, as Tchernichovsky did with Homer. And how far does one range? Should such a project include the Indian epics, the "Ramayana" and "Mahabharata" (abridged or complete in all their rambling diffuseness?), the Sanskrit Scriptures, the Japanese "Tale of Genji," or classic Chinese novels such as the "San Kuo," "Chin Ping Mei," or "Hung Lou Meng"?—the "Chin Ping Mei" could easily pay for itself by becoming a best-seller, if only because of its charming erotic aspect. From 19th century Italy, only Manzoni's "I Promessi Sposi," or Leopardi, Nievo and Carducci too? From the parallel German period, Meyer, Fontane, Storm, Stifter and Keller, or none of them? Should science and philosophy classics be included? And what about modern classics — Joyce, Proust, Musil—or are classics written only half-a-century in the past at the latest? After all, they have the greatest immediate value for modern Hebrew writers, and serious readers.

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AND who will do the work? — for we have only a handful of first-rate translators. We have no one quite like the late Nikos Kazantzakis, a creative writer himself, who supplied Greece (a country faced with problems similar to our own) with translations of Homer, Dante, and Goethe into modern Greek. The turgid, moribund, rhetorical Hebrew style we see too much of should be avoided at all costs. Alterman and Shlonsky should be harnessed for some of the harder tasks — and who knows, perhaps Shlonsky will be moved to master English, so that he can get on with Shakespeare and forgo the veil of Russian through which he descries the Bard. We have qualms about the choice of Mr. Reuven Avinoam to head the Project Committee, for his own work in the field is at best undistinguished. The role of Mosad Bialik in the Project should also be clarified, for though it has done excellent work in publishing the classics of Judaism, it has been notably unsuccessful in the field of foreign belles-lettres, and its approach to a text — passing it through the busy hands of many editors till little is left of the author's style — is not productive of smooth-reading prose; its publishing experience, however, is of value.

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THE Project Committee will face many difficult tasks, but when it is hardest pressed, it can console itself with the thought that to this day there is no really satisfactory translation of either Homer or Dante in so richly-endowed a language as English.

Jerusalem, January 27.

Turks Say U.K. Accepted Plan To Split Cyprus

ANKARA, Sunday (Reuter). — Foreign Minister Fatin Zorlu said today at a press conference that the British Government had already accepted the idea of partition for Cyprus.

His statement coincided with the arrival today of the Cyprus Governor, Sir Hugh Foot, for talks with the British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Selwyn Lloyd. The latter has been holding talks with Turkish officials on the Cyprus situation.

Commenting on the new British plans which Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd is reported to have put to Turkish leaders, Mr. Zorlu said. "There has been no difference, till now, between us and the British because you know very well that Britain, in a declaration of Mr. Lennox Boyd (Colonial Secretary), accepted the idea of partition."

Diplomatic observers believed Mr. Zorlu's use of the words "till now" indicate that difficulties had arisen during the current talks.

Second Sensation

Summoning Sir Hugh to advise Mr. Lloyd was the second eve-of-conference sensation. The first was the surprise visit on Friday by the Turkish Prime Minister for talks with Iraqi leaders in Baghdad.

Observers believe Mr. Lloyd is trying to win Turkish adherence to undisclosed proposals for a Cyprus settlement. These, it was generally believed, were based on the idea of a period of self-government for Cyprus, at the end of which the Greek and Turkish communities would have the right of self-determination. Turkey, on the other hand, wants the island partitioned immediately between Turkey and Greece.

The Cyprus Governor told a press conference today that the Greek and Turkish communities in Cyprus could live in peace. Questioned about reports that he is not liked by Cypriot Turks, Sir Hugh said, "I have the interests and rights of the Turkish people at heart."

Commenting on Sir Hugh's flight, a British spokesman said it became clear to Mr. Lloyd, during his discussions with Turkish Government leaders, that it would be useful to have the advice of the Cyprus Governor.

Venezuelan Revolt Death Toll—400

CARACAS, Sunday (Reuter). — Sixty political exiles, including two leaders of the outlawed Accion Democratica Party, returned today in the wake of last week's revolution.

Meanwhile, first estimates revealed that at least 400 persons were killed and 1,500 wounded during the two-day general strike and riots which led to the overthrow of President Marcos Perez Jimenez. Nearly all the casualties were civilians who fell fighting the Secret Police — since abolished—and the National Guards.

Though a dusk-to-dawn curfew is still in force, the military junta leader, Rear-Admiral Wolfgang Larazabel, appears to be steadily strengthening his position. The country is quickly returning to normal and minor disturbances — mostly against notorious members of the old regime — have been suppressed.

New York radio stations said the Venezuelan junta has granted permission to ex-President Juan Peron of Argentina to remain in the country. Earlier reports said Peron was fleeing Venezuela.

Fuchs Resumes Trek Across Antarctica

WELLINGTON, Sunday (Reuter).—Dr. Vivian Fuchs and his party have covered 130 kms. since leaving the South Pole two days ago to resume their trans-Antarctic trek, according to the latest message received from Scott Base.

Dr. Fuchs radioed the Base that all was well with his party. He said visibility was about 300 metres.

The group is heading for Depot 700, 800 kms. from the pole, where it will rendezvous with Sir Edmund Hillary. Sir Edmund will accompany them on the trek to Scott Base, a further 1,100 kms. away.

20,000 Swedes View Erik XIV

STOCKHOLM, Sunday (Reuter). — Over 20,000 Swedes filed past the coffin of the 16th century monarch, King Erik XIV, today when it was placed before the high altar of Vasterang Cathedral in central Sweden.

Several children were frightened as they passed, and many women fainted. But most visitors seemed unmoved as they walked quietly past.

The king's tomb was opened a week ago. His body was found swathed in silk bandages. Contemporary chroniclers claim that the king died in 1577 after taking peasoup spiced with poison at his brother's instigation.

During the week experts have taken samples from the body and these will now be examined by means of X-ray and radiation in an atomic reactor.

Tomorrow, in his new coffin, in which will be placed a chemical substance to prevent further decaying of the remains, the ancient monarch will be reburied.

SOLDIER KILLED, 3 HURT IN ACCIDENT

TIBERIAS, Sunday. — One soldier was killed and three others injured, one of them seriously, when the army vehicle in which they were travelling overturned at the Afula-Tiberias road junction this morning.

The wounded were transferred to the Poria hospital.

MURI'S THREAT TO QUIT BAGHDAD PACT

Iraq Demanding U.S. Fully Join Alliance

Nuri Said, leader of the Iraqi delegation to the Baghdad Pact Council meeting which opens here this morning, is understood to have threatened to withdraw from the alliance if the U.S. continues to abstain from joining it as a full member, and unless it approves "drastic measures" against Israel.

There was no official Iraqi comment available on the report, which was published in the Old City daily "Falastin."

The conference is being highlighted by the presence of the U.S. Secretary of State, Mr. Dulles, who arrived in the Turkish capital today at the head of an observer delegation. Although the U.S. is not a full member of the five-nation pact — Britain, Turkey, Pakistan, Iraq, and Persia — it is a member of the Military, Economic and Counter-Subversion Committees.

Nuri Intransigent

Informed sources were quoted as stating that Premier Adnan Menderes' surprise visit to Baghdad on Friday was motivated by disagreement with Nuri Said, who remained intransigent in his demand that the meeting approve implementation of the 1947 U.N. partition resolution on Palestine.

Although Mr. Menderes is said to be already committed to this plan, he wants the Baghdad Pact Council to work on the Communist threat rather than the "Palestine question." It was understood that the Turkish Premier went to Baghdad to convince Crown Prince Abdul Illah and Premier Abdul Wahab Mirjan to send instructions to Nuri to skip the partition plan and concentrate on the question of the Communist threat.

Mr. Menderes hurriedly met with Nuri on his return to the Turkish capital on Saturday afternoon, but no details are known as to what they discussed. Later, however, the Turkish Premier said he had reached a full understanding with Iraq on moves to strengthen the pact to counter subversion in the Middle East.

Invited by Iraq

According to his statement, "I flew to Baghdad on the invitation of the Iraqi Government to seek a means for this area to live in peace and security and to seek ways to reinforce the Baghdad Pact and review measures to protect the area against subversive activities. During my meetings in Iraq, I am happy to say, we reached a full understanding."

Asked at a press conference yesterday about the sudden visit, the Turkish Foreign Minister, Mr. Zorlu, said such visits were usual. "Our relations with Iraq are so clear that we are more than just allies," he said.

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U.S.: More Useful Outside of Pact

ANKARA, Sunday (Reuter).—Mr. Andrew Berging, U.S. Assistant Secretary of State, said today that the U.S. is keeping out of the Baghdad Pact because it feels it would be of more benefit to the alliance when outside it.

He was questioned by reporters as he arrived with Secretary of State Dulles for the Baghdad Pact meeting.

Prior to his departure from Teheran, where he held talks with the Shah and Persian officials, Mr. Dulles said that in two days they "accomplished a great understanding of each other. Out of that understanding, I believe, will come a deepening of already close relations between our two countries."

At a press conference today, the Turkish Foreign Minister, Mr. Fatin Zorlu, said he knew of no American attempt to set up missile bases in the Baghdad Pact area.

But he said if Mr. Dulles did make such a proposal during the conference, he was sure "the countries feeling the same way as Turkey would give the same answer as Turkey. He recalled that Turkey had accepted such bases at the NATO conference in Paris last December.

On the possibility of establishing a joint Baghdad Pact military command, Mr. Zorlu said the Pact was gradually moving towards this, but was still a young organization.

The Persian and Pakistan Premiers, Mr. Manushar Eghbal, and Dr. Firoz Khan Noon, arrived in Ankara today. Earlier, they had stopped over in Beirut where they conferred with the Lebanese Foreign Minister, Dr. Charles Malik.

Egypt and Syria Plan Merger, Not Federation

CAIRO, Sunday. — Egyptian-Syrian plans for a federation of the two countries have been abandoned, and a plan has been put forward in its place to merge the two states into one, the newspaper "Al Akhbar" said today.

The new state would be known as "E-Dawlah el Arabia el Mutahida" (United Arab State—U.A.S.).

The new plan would "dissolve Syrian political parties, merge the two states and create one state with one army, one flag, one government and new constitution," the newspaper said.

Salah Bitar, the Syrian Foreign Minister, who arrived in Cairo last night for the second time in a week, and conferred with Abdul Nasser, met with Egyptian officials today, and briefed them on the Syrian Government's decisions regarding the projected linking of the two countries. Later he conferred again with Abdul Nasser.

No details of the plans have been announced officially so far.

One-Party System

Informed sources said that the merging of the two nations would include reorganization of Syria's internal political structure. They said Bitar has brought the Syrian Government's approval of the plan, which would include a one-party system for Syria, similar to that of Egypt. Head of the Egyptian "National Union" is Abdul Nasser and his top lieutenants head key districts.

The final details for the UAS were being hammered out in the Bitar-Nasser meeting tonight, it was said.

In Damascus, the Syrian Premier, Sabri Assali, said the formal declaration of the "United Arab State" of Syria and Egypt will be made in the next few days. He made the statement before the Political Committee of Parliament. It is expected that President Kuwatly will go to Cairo for a joint proclamation on the merger.

(Reuter, UP)

Burma Backs Indonesian Claim to W. New Guinea

RANGOON, Sunday (Reuter) Burma today gave "full support" to Indonesia's claim to sovereignty over Dutch New Guinea in a joint statement signed by Prime Minister U Nu and President Sukarno of Indonesia.

The two leaders expressed the hope that colonialism would soon be completely replaced by a new international relationship based on equality, mutual respect and common interest.

They urged the admission of People's China to the U.N. as "another important factor in achieving world stability."

President Sukarno left Rangoon by air today for Bangkok after a three-day visit.

Soviet Envoy Leaves Teheran for Moscow

ANKARA, Sunday (Reuter)—The Soviet Ambassador to Persia, Mr. Nikolai Pegov, left Teheran unexpectedly for Moscow early yesterday, Ankara Radio said today.

Political quarters in Teheran expressed surprise at the envoy's "sudden departure," the radio said. A Persian Foreign Ministry source said Mr. Pegov returned to Teheran only recently from a trip to Moscow. He could give no reason for this second departure.

Previous Iraq Gov't Charged as Corrupt

The Iraqi deputy, Ahmed Amer, charged the Ayoubi Cabinet which preceded the present Government with corruption, according to the Arab News Agency from Baghdad yesterday.

He said during a budget debate that the Ayoubi regime had distributed land to Cabinet members and had done "special favours" for "certain personalities." It had also allowed merchants to place on the market spoiled edible oil, although these stocks had been declared unfit for consumption.

YEMEN TURNS DOWN AMERICAN LOAN

The Yemen has rejected an American offer of a $1m. loan because it includes a request to set up four radar stations on Yemeni hills overlooking the Red Sea, Beirut Radio reported yesterday.

Anti-British 'Revolution' In Aden, Yemen Claims

The Yemeni Legation said today a large-scale anti-British "revolution" had broken out in the Aden area.

The Legation said British air and ground forces had "cruelly attacked free Yemen areas for four days, but were repelled by the Yemenis."

A spokesman said the Yemeni Government "deeply regretted British savageness against north and south Yemen." "British imperialism was behind the attempt to assassinate Iman Ahmed of the Yemen," he added.

A recent report from Aden claimed that a Yemeni had been paid a large sum to assassinate the Imam. The report said 33 persons had been arrested in connection with the attempt.

156 Feared Dead In Japan Ferry Disaster

TOKYO, Sunday (Reuter). — Coastguard vessels and trawlers were searching for survivors of a "honeymoon special" ferry boat believed to have sunk in a gale off western Japan with 156 people on board.

Agents for the ferry, the 470-ton Nanhai Maru, said it was carrying 126 passengers, including a number of children and honeymoon couples and 30 crew.

A coastguard spokesman said "only a miracle" can save those on board.

Opposition Wants Reform in Monaco

MONACO, Sunday (Reuter). — An opposition party seeking constitutional reforms in Monaco today won a majority in the final stage of local elections. The party — the National Union of Independents — wants a constitutional monarchy. Theoretically, Prince Rainier has absolute power.

The Union has 11 seats in the 18-seat National Council, and in practice shares legislative power with the Prince. The National Council discusses the state budget and voting laws. The Government itself is carried out under the authority of the Prince.

AFTER MIDNIGHT

Students' leaders at Rome University last night called on 430,000 students in Italy's Universities and high schools to strike against the Government from next Wednesday in protest against a proposal that university graduates should take a further examination before entering the professions.

Russia Seen Ready to Trade ICBM for U.S. Foreign Bases

MOSCOW, Sunday. — The Communist Party leader, Mr. Nikita Khrushchev, has hinted that Russia is prepared to consider shelving her inter-continental rocket in exchange for the removal of the American bases ringing the Soviet Union.

Observers in Moscow believe his speech — made in Minsk on Wednesday and published yesterday — makes it clear, however, that no fundamental agreement is possible with the West if the *status quo* in Europe is ignored.

Observers also say that while his speech lays down clear conditions for agreement in Europe, Middle Eastern and Asian questions are left vague. The Soviet leaders well understand the vital importance to Western countries of the oil and other resources of the Arab and Far Eastern states. While there is less room for change in Europe, there may be more manoeuvring space in other world regions.

Time Running Out

In one section, Mr. Khrushchev's speech seems to hint that time is running out for really effective control of atomic and hydrogen tests. He stressed that "given the present level of technique it is not possible to conceal explosions of atom and hydrogen bombs."

The reference to "the present level of technique" is interpreted here as a possible hint that weapons will soon be devised which will be less susceptible to instrumental recording throughout the world.

Observers in London, meanwhile, thought that the Minsk speech appears to indicate that the Russians have toughened up their conditions for a summit conference on the eve of the Ankara session of the Baghdad Pact Council which opens tomorrow.

Mr. Khrushchev's speech is seen as the first top-level Soviet comment on the series of Western replies to the letters despatched to Nato heads of government by Prime Minister Nikolai Bulganin on December 9. Its release yesterday by Tass on the eve of the Ankara meeting represents the second Soviet diplomatic move this week, apparently timed to influence proceedings there.

The first was the Soviet Foreign Ministry statement last Tuesday which proposed the creation of a Middle East zone free from nuclear or rocket bases.

One section of Mr. Khrushchev's speech is seen in London as a renewed warning of the power and range of Soviet missiles with hydrogen warheads. This is coupled with emphasis on the inability of the West to supply intermediate-range missiles to any bases established for the present.

This portion of the speech in fact constitutes a renewed warning to members of the Western-backed alliances — Nato, Seato and the Baghdad Pact — against permitting the establishment of rocket bases on their territory.

Laskov Named Chief of Staff As Dayan's Resignation Approved

Rav-Aluf Moshe Dayan (above) and Aluf Haim Laskov

Tsur Appointed Deputy C-o-S

The Cabinet yesterday approved the Defence Minister's proposal recommending acceptance of the request of the Chief of Staff, Rav-Aluf Moshe Dayan, that he be relieved of his post. It also approved the proposal to appoint Aluf Haim Laskov, O.C. Southern Command, as Chief of Staff with the rank of Rav-Aluf, which he will retain so long as he serves as Chief of Staff.

Rav-Aluf Dayan's request that he remain in the Israel Defence Forces with the rank of Aluf was accepted by the Cabinet.

The new Chief of Staff will take up his duties officially on Wednesday after a ceremony at the Prime Minister's Office in Jerusalem.

Aluf Laskov's Deputy in the Southern Command will, for the present, take over the Command.

The Army spokesman yesterday announced that Aluf Zvi Tsur, O.C. Central Command, has been appointed Deputy Chief of Staff and Head of the General Staff Branch of G.H.Q. He replaces Aluf Meir Amit who has been appointed O.C. Central Command. Both appointments took effect yesterday. Aluf Amit yesterday left by El Al for a two-month lecture tour in Canada and the U.S. on behalf of the Israel Bond Drive.

The Arm spokesman also announced the appointment of Aluf-Mishne Haim Herzog to Acting O.C. Southern Command. The appointment is effective as of January 8.

Official Communique

The official Cabinet communique stated:

The Cabinet at its weekly session yesterday:—

Heard a review by the Foreign Minister on foreign policy matters;

Approved the motion of the Minister of Defence to grant the request of the Chief of Staff, Rav-Aluf Moshe Dayan, to be released from his present post and to be retained as an Aluf (Brigadier) in the Israel Defence Forces, at his request;

Approved the motion to appoint Aluf Haim Laskov as Chief of Staff with the rank of Rav-Aluf (Major General; and

Also discussed current matters.

Reviews Progress in Army

By TED R. LURIE

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — The Chief of Staff, Rav-Aluf Moshe Dayan, took leave here this afternoon of a small group of a dozen newspaper editors with whom he has met regularly at off-the-record briefings for the past four years.

Today, in the same informal atmosphere, he spoke for the first time for publication, briefly summed up what had been accomplished in the Army in these four years, outlined in his characteristically concise form his own feelings on the relations between the Army and the Government, and tried to explain why he was leaving his post and handing over to Aluf Haim Laskov.

"The Army is only an instrument to carry out the policy of the Government," he stressed, "and must not in any way attempt to influence the making of policy. But it is its job to evaluate the security position at all times in the light of all existing factors and conditions and to keep the Government informed of its appraisal and evaluation. However, it must not try to exert pressure in any way. It is no secret that the Army has not always seen eye to eye with the Government in its evaluation of a particular situation or its decision on a particular course of action, but that has never been permitted to have any effect on the execution of the Govern-

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No Basis Seen to Optimistic Reports of Soviet 'New Course'

Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — Despite optimistic reports in papers here and abroad, there seems to be no real basis for reports of an improvement in Soviet-Israel relations. The "New York Times" last week referred to the changing of Soviet Ambassadors in Israel as "a significant sign" of a better atmosphere, but diplomatic observers here have discerned no evidence of such a change.

The New York paper assumed that the replacement of Ambassador Alexander Abramov by Mr. Mikhail Bodrov who, as Soviet envoy to Bulgaria in 1953 initiated the negotiations that led to the resumption of Israel-Soviet relations, might herald a new era in Israel-Russian relations, but here in Israel there are no exaggerated hopes of Moscow's "new course."

While better understanding of this country by Russia would be warmly welcomed at any time, there are no indications that such a change is imminent.

It is recalled that Foreign Minister Golda Meir's interview with the Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr. Andrei Gromyko, during the last U.N. General Assembly session was highly unsatisfactory to Israel, and there have since been further indications that the hostile tone of that meeting remains the official line in Moscow.

Mr. Bordov will, of course, be welcomed here with all the regard due to a representative of a foreign power, but he will not be surprised at cautiousness regarding his Government's intentions unless he brings some tangible evidence of a change in Russia's attitude. One such step, for example, would be a favourable reply to Israel's repeated overtures concerning cultural exchanges between the two countries. In this connection, observers note that now, when sharp political exchanges between Moscow and Washington have reached new heights, a cultural relations treaty is nevertheless about to be signed by the two countries.

Another move in this direction that might be suggested would be similar to that which Russia recently made in connection with Pakistan — a member of the Baghdad Pact of which the Soviet Union is a sworn enemy: last week a Soviet parliamentary delegation went to Karachi for an extended visit. An exchange of delegations of this nature would be hailed with satisfaction in this country, but it is known that Knesset members have had no response to their soundings in this direction.

The "New York Times" stated that there was to be noted "some softening of attitude" in Soviet press treatment of Israel. Instead of questioning Israel's right to exist as a state, as was com-

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M. HENRI LAFOREST

French Delegation Due This Morning

The French parliamentary delegation is due to arrive at Lydda Airport at 8 o'clock this morning in a special aircraft of the French Government. They will be met by Deputy Knesset Speakers, the French Ambassador and the Israel Ambassador to France, senior Government and Army officials, and Knesset Members.

The delegation is headed by the Radical Socialist Deputy, M. Henri Laforest.

They will be received at the Knesset at 4 p.m. by the Speaker. Tomorrow evening, the delegation will be the guests of Foreign Minister Meir at a dinner at the King David Hotel.

American Rocket Rises 100 Miles

CHURCHILL, Manitoba, Sunday (Reuter). — A U.S. rocket rose 100 miles into the sky today from a launching site 13 miles east of here.

The rocket was the first of the Churchill base's 1958 programme for the International Geophysical Year. It radioed back information on air temperatures, densities and pressures.

Big Rustling, Abduction Bid Foiled in Negev

Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEERSHEBA, Sunday. — Security patrols in the western Negev last night foiled one of the biggest marauding attempts ever carried out in the region when they successfully headed off a gang, reported to number seven men returning to the Gaza Strip with 1,500 stolen sheep and three kidnapped Beduin shepherds.

The sheep, valued at close to IL.100,000, the property of the el Huzeil and Abu Grenad tribes, were grazing between Tse'elim and Gvulot, about 15 kilometres from the border, when infiltrators swooped on the area at about 8 p.m. After the gang had rounded up the animals and kidnapped three shepherds, other shepherds in the neighbourhood reported the incident to a nearby kibbutz. The settlers there alerted security forces who blocked all routes to the border.

At about 10.30 p.m. the raiders, with their loot and captives, were sighted by the waiting security patrols and an exchange of fire ensued. The marauders fled over the border, leaving behind the sheep and the kidnapped Beduin.

Early today, troops, police and Beduin, aided by a Piper spotter plane, succeeded in rounding up all the sheep, which had dispersed during the night.

Syrians Cross Border, Fire on Shepherd

Four Syrian soldiers penetrated Israel territory on Saturday afternoon and opened fire on an Israel shepherd and his flock north-east of Kibbutz Kfar Hanassi, the Army spokesman stated yesterday. No casualties were sustained, and the shepherd returned home with his flock.

Our Tiberias correspondent adds that the four Syrian soldiers approached the shepherd and called to him in Hebrew. When he refused to approach them they opened fire.

The shepherd took cover and reached the settlement to summon help. By the time the settlers arrived at the scene the Syrians were gone.

On Lake Tiberias, Syrians opened fire again yesterday on the fishing boat Akiva. There were no casualties, but several bullets hit the boat, causing slight damage.

6 FRENCH SOLDIERS KILLED BY MINE

ALGIERS, Sunday (Reuter). — Six French soldiers were killed when a wagon they were escorting hit a mine on the railway near Algiers.

Nana and Leo Heiman

are happy to announce the birth of their first SON

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on January 21, 1958

and express their heartfelt thanks to the doctors and staff of the Maternity Ward, Rambam Government Hospital, Haifa, for their supreme efforts and devotion above and beyond the call of duty.

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IRONING not necessary

Social & Personal

The President yesterday received Mr. Jacob Schneider, Chairman of the Israel Bond Drive in Venezuela.

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Australia Day was celebrated in Tel Aviv yesterday at a reception given by the Australian Minister, Mr. Bertram Charles Bellard, at the Dan Hotel. Present were Cabinet Ministers, Foreign Ministry officials and members of the diplomatic corps.

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The Rumanian Minister, Dr. Petru Manu, yesterday visited the Jerusalem Municipality, and was received by Mayor Gershon Agron.

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Mr. F. Beswick, Labour M.P. and leader of the Co-operative Movement in England was yesterday received by Mr. R. Barkatt, Political Secretary of the Histadrut, and Mr. Y. Efrat of the Cooperative Centre. The visitor has toured several cooperative enterprises as guest of the Histadrut during the last few days.

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Mr. Israel Span is to speak on "Problems of Marketing and the Supermarkets" at the Kishon Rotary Club, Kiryat Motzkin, today at 1 p.m.

BIRTHS

ARBELL — To Judith and Amihood at Bellinson Hospital, January 25, 1958 — a son, brother to Orna.

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JAPHET — To Ella (nee Gilead) and Ernest Japhet on January 26, 1958, at the Assuta Hospital, Tel Aviv — a daughter.

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POLLAK — To Dorothy (nee Perutz) wife of Dr. Otto Pollak, on January 25, 1958, at the Assuta Hospital, Tel Aviv — a daughter.

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MEMORIAL MEETING

A memorial meeting for the late president of the Ihud, Rav Binyamin, will be held tonight at 8.30 in Beit Ha'am, Jerusalem. Prof. Martin Buber will preside. Speakers will include Archbishop George Hakim, Prof. Ernst Simon, and Sheikh M. Tabari.

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MEMORIAL SERVICE

A memorial service to mark the second anniversary of the death of Gershon Hanoch will be held at the graveside today in the Har Hamenuhot Cemetery, Jerusalem. A bus to the cemetery will leave at 2 p.m. from the Jewish Agency Head Offices.

3 U.S. Mothers Visit Jailed Sons in China

HONG KONG, Sunday (Reuter). — Three American mothers who visited their sons, jailed in China on espionage charges, crossed the border into Hong Kong today on their way home.

Mr. Chou En-lai, the Chinese Premier, on Friday rejected appeals by the three women, Mrs. Ruth Redmond, Mrs. Jessie Fecteau, and Mrs. Mary Downey, for the release of their sons. He said they had "violated Chinese law and must be dealt with accordingly." John Downey and Hugh Redmond are serving life sentences, while Richard Fecteau is serving 20 years imprisonment.

All three women praised the help and kindness of Chinese officials during their two-week visit.

Cinemas

JERUSALEM

At 3.30, 6.30 & 8.30 p.m.

ARNON: All Mine To Give.
EDEN: L'Imposo Duj Sole.
OR GIL: The Monte Carlo Story.
ORION: Island In The Sun.
ORNA: 4 Steps In The Clouds.
RON: The Gates Of Hell.
SEMADAR: La Figlia Di Mata Hari.
ZION HALL: Africa Sotto I Mari.
TEL OR: Tradita.
EDISON: Baija Bawaro.
STUDIO: Si Tous Les Gars Du Monde.

TEL AVIV

ALLENBY: The Count of Monte Cristo.
ARMON DAVID: Pyjama Game.
CHEN: Love In The Afternoon.
EDEN: Barnaat.
ESTHER: Lust For Life.
MAXIM: Les Sorciers de Salem.
MIGDALOR: It's Great To Be Young.
MOGRABI: The Strange One.
OPHIR: Artists and Models.
ORION: Siesi.
PEER: L'Etrange Desire De Mr. Bard.
SHDEROTH: I'll Cry Tomorrow.
TAMAR: The Forty-First.
TCHELET: Ihr Leibhusar.
TEL AVIV: The Sun Also Rises.
YARON: Fedra.
RAMIR: Paris Canaille.
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War on Rheumatic Fever Which Strikes 6 in 1,000 in Jerusalem

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Medical and public forces are now converging to battle rheumatic fever, a disease which annually strikes 2,500 persons in Israel, mostly children, and almost invariably attacks the heart.

Incidence on a national scale is 1.5 per thousand. In Jerusalem, it is six per thousand. In 75 per cent of cases it strikes between the ages of three and 14.

While the causes of rheumatic fever are not known, its focus in Jerusalem is believed to be caused by the fluctuation in temperature in the Capital. A tendency towards the disease may be inherited.

These facts were given yesterday at a press conference in Jerusalem by Dr. Helen Kagan, chief pediatrician at Bikur Holim hospital: Dr. A. Brand, of Bikur Holim; Mrs. Ajexander Eliash, Chairman of the Israel Rheumatic Fever Society and Mrs. Harold Wilkenfeld, of the Society's Executive Committee.

Since full recovery may be effected if the disease is caught early enough, a campaign of "rheumatic fever awareness" has been launched among physicians, teachers and parents. Symptoms of the disease range from fatigue, nervousness, pallor and lack of appetite, where the attack is mild, to inflammation of the joints, high fever and considerable weakness in acute cases.

Awareness of the extensive damage wrought by this disease — and of the possibility to reduce the number of cases and mortality incidence resulting from it — is a comparatively recent development.

The Rheumatic Fever Society was established in July, 1955, after a recommendation made by a Scientific Convention of Pediatricians held in Haifa in 1953 urging the formation of an organization to combat this disease.

The only exclusively rheumatic fever ward in the country is at Bikur Holim, with 30 beds, although cases are treated in many hospitals in the country. Dr. Kagan pointed out that a special ward was beneficial not only in providing a general programme of study and therapy for child victims, but also to limit the possibility of children being infected with other illnesses in the ward.

She pointed out, too, that schools in Jerusalem were not conducive to the health of children sensitive to rheumatic fever because they lack central heating.

Hospitalization at Bikur Holim ranges from six weeks to three months with convalescence available when needed at the WIZO Baby Home. The IL80 a month fee at the Home is covered equally by the Municipality, the Society and the parents (with needy parents freed from any charge).

Some 75 families in Jerusalem, with some 100 rheumatic fever stricken children among them, have been "adopted" by members of the Rheumatic Fever Society, Mrs. Eliash said. Free eggs are provided through arrangement with Tnuva, other food and warm clothing are distributed, jobs are found when possible for an unemployed head of family, and healthier living quarters are arranged where possible. The Society also sends volunteer or paid teachers to help children with lessons at home.

Three "home to school" telephones have been installed in the homes of rheumatic fever children, enabling them to participate in class lessons. The two-way "telephones" were made available through the Ministry of Education, with the Ministry of Posts waiving the installation fee.

The total budget of the Society, a completely voluntary organization, was IL10,000 for the past two years, the press was told. To help raise funds for the current year, a ball will be held at the King David Hotel on February 15.

Israel Stops All-Arab Unity, Hassouna Says

CAIRO, Sunday (UP). — Abdul Khalek Hassouna, Secretary-General of the Arab League, told visiting American newsmen yesterday that the "only possible obstacle to complete unity of the Arab states is the existence of Israel."

He held a press conference for 32 American journalists and radio and television officials visiting Cairo on a round-the-world tour.

Asked whether the Arabs wanted to destroy Israel, Hassouna evaded a direct reply. "I cannot confirm that," he said, "but we defend the cause of the Palestine Arabs." He added, "We have suffered at the hands of Israel in the past few years."

All the Arabs asked of the U.S., he declared, was not to take any stand with the adversaries of the Arabs. As long as the U.S. takes a "neutral and fair stand in our conflicts with Israel or the imperialist states," then it will be in a good position.

Tourist Brings In Undeclared Money

LYDDA AIRPORT, Sunday.— A tourist whose customs declaration showed $200 in cash and an additional $200 in gifts, was searched on his arrival here this morning, and found to be in possession of $1,285, $70 in checks, 21,000 Italian lire, 1,200 rupees, 20 Swiss francs, one platinum-cased, diamond encrusted watch, five other watches, and miscellaneous undeclared items.

The foreign currency was exchanged at the official rate and the man was required to pay duty on all the undeclared goods. *(Itim.)*

'N.Y. Times': No Hope Of Israel-Arab Peace

NEW YORK, Sunday (INA) — The short-term effect of the aggravation of the cold war in the Middle East has been to distract Arab attention from Israel and bring about a certain Arab-Israel disengagement, but the long-term effect is likely to remove hope of solving problems between the two sides, the Washington correspondent of "The New York Times" commented today.

On the one hand, the U.S. is so preoccupied with the cold war that last year it abandoned plans to take the initiative on the Arab-Israel issues. On the other hand, the Soviet Union fights the cold war by ostentatiously championing the Arab cause. As long as the Arab, have a powerful and unreasonable champion, they will not even consider coming to terms with Israel.

Concerning the Baghdad Pact conference which opens tomorrow in Ankara, the paper editorially declared that there is no such thing as being too diplomatic. "What we are building in the Middle East is what we built in Western Europe and what we attempted in the Far East wall of self-defence," it was stated.

However, it continued, "We made it plain enough that we will act if our friends of the Baghdad Pact are attacked. Why not make this commitment?"

CANADIAN WHEAT FOR ISRAEL

OTTAWA, Sunday (ENA). — The Canadian and Israel Governments signed an agreement yesterday for the purchase of 40,000 tons of Canadian wheat, with the option to buy an additional 60,000 tons.

Delivery will be made in autumn this year, and the total order would represent about $3m.

What's On Today

• **Meet the Israelis:**— Tourists invited to meet Israelis at home. Information at Government Tourist Office, Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Haifa.

JERUSALEM

• **Zoo:**— Jerusalem Biblical Zoo, 8.30—3. Tomorrow, 10—3.
• **Exhibitions:**— 1) Permanent Exhibition of Jewish Ceremonial Art. 2) Ancient Pottery from various civilisations from the museum's collections 3) A preview of Primitive Sculptures. 4) Graphic Exhibition: Artists' portraits and self-portraits. 5) Old Master Drawings. 6) Paintings by Emma Reyes. Bezalel, 9-1, 2.30-5.
Permanent Exhibition of Antiquities. Recent finds: marble statue of Nemesis. Department of Antiquities 25 Rehov Shlomo Hamelech, 9-1, 3-5.
Exhibition of recent paintings by Galya Pillin-Tarnuh. Artists' House, 10-1 4-6.
• **Film Shows:**— Israel films daily 11.30. Edwin Hayesod Hall.
• **Tours:**— Hebrew University Conducted Tour (in English), daily 10 a.m. Administration Bldg., New University Campus. Every Tuesday leaving Administration Bldg. 11 a.m. a visit to Hebrew University Hadassah Medical School in New Medical Centre. Ein Karem. Phone (until Monday) 42800 for bookings.
Spend a morning with Hadassah on a conducted tour starting at 9 a.m. Book for this free tour by phoning 4061, Hadassah Club Straus Health Centre.
• **Libraries:**— Bezalel Museum, Sunday and Monday, 9-1; Tuesday and Thursday 3-6.
• **Lectures:** — "The Crisis of Contemporary Civilisation" by Eliezer Livneh. Be'eri Club, 5 Rehov Alkarisi, 8.30.
• **Folk Dancing:** — Lesson, Y.M.C.A. Boys Auditorium. 7 p.m.
• **Lecture:** — Mr. A. Zeitlin, the U.S. poet and author, Beit Hillel, 8.45 p.m.

TEL AVIV

Italian specialities. Lunch, Dinner. Luky's Bar-Restaurant, 3 Allenby Rd. First class Italian menu at IL4.
• **Tourist Services:** — Visit Hadassah Club, 80 Rehov Hayarkon, Tel. 22239.
Z.O.A. House, 9-9.
• **Exhibitions:** — New Immigrant Artists, Art Pavilion, 9 Alharizi, 10-1, 4-7. Classical paintings from the Sonnenfeld Collection. Z.O.A. 10-1,4-9 Paintings by Yehoshua Kovarsky. Rembrandt documentary exhibition. Museum, 10-1, 4-7.
• **Jazz Club:** — Z.O.A. House, 8.30.
• **Lectures:** — "Giotto and Renaissance," by A. Louis Lotz, Z.O.A. House.
• **Theatre:** — Habimah, "The Egg." 8. Cameri, "The Dream Girl," Mograbi, 8; "Romeo and Juliet," New Hall 8.
Ohel, "The Wooden Bowl," 8.

HAIFA

Visit Hadassah Club, 97 Jerusalem Street. Tel. 4676.
• **Lecture:** — "French Art in U.S.A." (with coloured slides) by Mrs. Pola Eichenbaum, Municipal Museum, Town Hall, 8.30.

AFULA

• **Ballet:** — Koto, National Yugoslav Ensemble, Kfir Ron 8.30.

HADERA

• **Theatre:** — Habimah "Mirele Efros."

Z.O.A HOUSE
Tomorrow Night at 8.30 p.m.
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Afro-Asian 'Circus' Disowned at Home

Some of the 400 delegates to the "Afro-Asian Peoples Solidarity Conference" have now returned home to find public sentiment opposed to the deliberations that were held in Cairo at the beginning of the month.

In India, for example, the Press has referred to the Conference as the "Cairo Circus." Editors strongly criticized the Conference as a Communist-dominated "masquerade." They pointed out that whereas the 1955 Bandung Conference was attended by official delegations, the delegates to the Cairo parley represented only themselves.

The Philippines, Vietnam, Liberia, Saudi Arabia and Jordan, among others, were not represented. Their decision not to permit their citizens to attend gave the conference a large pro-Communist majority.

The Governments of Ghana, Ethiopia, Burma and Japan did not view the Conference favourably, but permitted attendance. Even those who did attend from these countries found themselves in the opposition on most issues.

Arab Palestine Group

The chairmen of the Conference committees, dealing with specific problems, were pro-Communists. The Committee on Palestine was headed by the Mayor of Gaza and was composed of only Arabs.

The Conference was far from democratically run. There was little opportunity to introduce opposing resolutions and certainly no such opportunity was permitted from the floor of the plenary.

The Burmese delegates did not give support to the anti-Israel resolutions. The Egyptian Press reported that the Burmese had in fact opposed the participation of a Palestine delegation at the Conference.

Officials in Tokyo divorced themselves completely from the stand taken by the Japanese delegation which voted for the anti-Israel resolutions and for the acceptance of Communist China as a U.N. member. Both these, it was noted in Tokyo, are opposed by official policy.

Japanese Want Trade

The presence of the Japanese delegation can be explained more in commercial than in political terms. The delegation was mainly interested in using the Conference to develop trade relations with the various countries represented.

The Ethiopian approach to the Conference was different from the other countries. Its representatives are political nonentities in Ethiopia. The Conference itself was given no publicity at home.

Ghana at first hesitated on whether the delegates should attend. When they did go to Cairo, they found themselves out of step with the majority. At a press conference a Ghana representative attacked Soviet policy.

In Accra, the Government has dissociated itself with the Conference's decisions, particularly those on Israel.

CHICKS. — Four thousand cheeping day-old chicks last week held up traffic on the highway near Lodi, North Italy, after a lorry carrying them had crashed and overturned. It took road police two hours to capture the chicks.

Spirit of Chivalry Is Not Dead, Only Distorted

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — Four self-proclaimed knights who rescued a distressed damsel were today sentenced by the Magistrate's Court to various suspended sentences of imprisonment and to fines ranging from IL75 to IL100.

The four, Shlomo Levy, Ya'acov Cohen, Yosef Cohen and Meir Tuvani, all of Jaffa, were found guilty of forcibly holding a young woman during a taxi journey and hitting her when she called for help.

The four claimed in their defence that they had taken the girl, Malka Meshayub, in their taxi, in order to save her from some toughs who had molested her and her boy friend in a Jaffa cafe. Police affirmed the rescue but added that in taking her into their taxi they had prevented her boy friend from following. *(Itim.)*

Jailed 3 Months For Inventing Kidnap

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — For falsely informing police that he had been kidnapped, Avraham Eisman, 21, of Haifa, was today sentenced to three months' imprisonment, by Magistrate H. Steinberg.

Eisman went to the Tel Aviv police towards the end of last December and claimed that he had been kidnapped while walking in Haifa. Following questioning, he broke down and admitted that his story was a complete fabrication. He told police that he had invented the story because he was afraid to return home to his in-laws after squandering a considerable sum of money.

The prosecution asked for a particularly severe sentence due to the seriousness of the crime.

Staircase Is Not Home; Insurance Claim Upheld

A man who broke his ankle on the staircase to his flat while on the way to work, is to receive disability compensation under the National Insurance Scheme, according to a decision of the National Insurance Appeals Tribunal in Jerusalem on Friday.

The request of Mr. Shmuel Reisfeld, a foreman at a textile dyeing plant in Azur, for disability compensation had been rejected by the Tel Aviv National Insurance Tribunal which claimed that, as long as he was still within the confines of the building in which his flat was located, he could not technically be considered as being on the way to work.

In reversing this decision, the Appeals Tribunal declared that, in referring to domicile, the intent of the National Insurance Law was to a person's immediate dwelling and not to the building which he shared with others. *(Itim.)*

Dr. Hale May Be Buried in Israel

The remains of Dr. Lincoln B. Hale may be brought to Israel for burial.

The widow of the former U.S. Operations Mission Director has informed Israel officials that she would prefer burial to take place in Israel.

The Government is waiting for further detailed information before action is taken.

Dr. Hale was fatally stricken in New York on Thursday while lecturing on Israel.

ON THE AIR

FIRST PROGRAMME
422, 360, 202.7, 41.7 & 33.3 M.

News: Hebrew: 6.35 7.00 & 7.55 a.m. 1.30, 5.00, 7.00, 9.00, 11.00 p.m.
English: 1.45 p.m. French: 2.00 p.m.
6.30 Service. 6.37 Callisthenics. 6.47 Musical Clock (R). 8.00 Close Down.
12.00 N. Lunchtime Music — Soloist: Frankie Laine (Vocalist). 12.30 Woman's Corner. 12.45 Israel Songs. 1.00 Military Bands. 2.15 Close Down.
4.30 News Summary in English, Swedish and Spanish. 5.05 "Zampa" Overture (Harold). 5.15 Children's Corner. 5.30 Youth Corner. 6.00 "We Present Tonight." 6.05 Popular Songs & Tunes. 6.30 Prof. A. Bonne on "Economic Trends in the World." 6.45 "Ron Ami." 7.15 Popular Concert: Horn Concerto No. 2 in B-flat-major, K. 417 (Mozart); "Wallenstein Camp," op. 14 (Smetana). 7.45 Literary Programme. 8.00 Israel Composers—Y. Allutin G. Bertini and M. Gassner. 8.35 This Week at the Cinema. 8.55 Bible Reading: Psalms, Chaps. 44 and 45. 9.15 Newsreel. 9.30 "Curtain Up"—Yosi's Violin." 10.30 "Black Coffee." 11.10 Close Down.

SECOND PROGRAMME
422, 360, 202.7, 41.7 & 33.3 M.

IMMIGRANTS' HOUR: 6.00 "We Present Tonight." 6.05 Vocal Recital by Ida Weinfeld (Soprano). 6.30 "Listen and Understand." 7.00 French. 7.20 Yiddish. 8.00 Rumanian. 8.15 Hungarian. 8.30 Ladino. 9.00 Interval. 9.15 Mograbi. 9.30 News in Easy Hebrew. 9.45 Polish. 10.00 News in English. 10.15 Close Down.

ARABIC PROGRAMME
497 & 41.67 M.

Arabic Programme (including News): 6.30—7.15 a.m. 1.15—2.15 and 7.30—9.45 p.m.

KOL ZION LAGOLA (32.3 M.): Programme to South Africa: 6.30 News. 6.45 "From the Federation"—Abe Tooch. 6.50 Musical Interlude. 6.50 Economic Commentary by Avner Hovne. 7.00 "Understanding the Bible." —by Rabbi R. Casper. 7.15 Yiddish.
Programme to the U.K.: 11.30 News. 11.45 Economic Commentary by Avner Hovne. 11.50 Songs by Mordechai Zeira. Midnight: Hebrew Lesson by Judah Shuval.
ARMY PROGRAMME (48.4, 216, 225 & 295 M.): 6.30 Opening. 6.35 Requests for Hebrew Songs. 7.00 News. 7.10 "On Drivers and Pedestrians." 7.30 Light Music. 8.00 The Soldier-Citizen. 8.15 Quiz. 8.50 Interlude. 9.00 News. 9.15 Weekly Concert: Works by Honegger, De Falla and Chabrier. 10.30 Close Down.
B.B.C. HEBREW BROADCASTS (13.60, 16.84 & 24.80 M.): 7.15-7.45 p.m. News. News Talk. London Letter. On the Spur of the Moment.

Scunthorpe Oust Newcastle From English Soccer

A thaw, following Arctic conditions, gave Britain her most sportless week-end on Saturday for many a year, and caused the postponement of a large section of the week-end sports programme, including two 4th. Round F.A. cup-ties. Five of the ties were drawn.

There were two outstanding shocks in the battle to reach Wembley. Newcastle United, First Divisioners and thrice Cup winners since World War II, were eliminated by Scunthorpe United, the Third Division North side, 3-1 at home. Tottenham Hotspur, also of the Premier League and with a great Cup record, shocked their fans by going down at White Hart Lane to Sheffield United, of Division II.

Manchester United enhanced their position as firm favourites to win the coveted trophy by defeating Ipswich Town, 2-0, with great ease, with Wolverhampton Wanderers adding to their support by swamping mighty Portsmouth, 5-1.

Cardiff City, the only side to take the Cup out of England, moved on with an effortless 4-1 win over a surprisingly ineffective Leyton Orient. York City did magnificently to maintain their proud Cup record by holding Bolton Wanderers, of the First Division, to a goal-less draw.

Bristol City surprised the pundits by beating Nottingham County 2-1 on their own ground, making up a 0-1 deficit in the process, while West Ham United scraped through to a 3-2 victory over Stockport County.

Difficult Conditions

The London sides, Fulham and Charlton Athletic, played grand, clever soccer in most difficult conditions to finish honours even at 1-1. Meanwhile at Stamford Bridge, Chelsea suffered a shock at the hands of lowly placed Third Divisioners, Darlington, being 0-3 down in five minutes in the second half. The "Pensioners" made up ground later to force a replay.

Northampton Town, conquerors of Arsenal in the Fourth Round, went down at the hands of Liverpool by 3-1, with their hosts comfortable winners. The anticipated thrilling game between West Bromwich Albion and Nottingham Forest, honours contenders in the First Division, proved disappointing. It turned out to be a dull match with six goals shared. Albion's chances at Nottingham in the replay are not rated highly.

Bristol Rovers shook Burnley when they took the lead but the visitors hit back to force a 2-2 draw for a lucky replay. Wolves "reject," former international forward Wilshaw, got a hat-trick to spear-head Stoke City to a 3-1 win over Middlesbrough.

Following Saturday's games, two Division I, six Division II and one Division III sides go into the hat for the last eight. The five drawn games and the two postponed are to be played off during this week. *(K. BERCHER)*

FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION CUP—FOURTH ROUND: Bristol Rovers 2 Burnley 2; Cardiff City 4, Leyton Orient 1; Charlton 3, Darlington 3; Everton-Blackpool Rovers, postponed; Fulham 1, Charlton Athletic 1; Liverpool 3, Northampton Town 1; Manchester United 2, Ipswich Town 0; Newcastle United 1, Scunthorpe United 3; Notts County 1, Bristol City 3; Stoke City 5, Middlesbrough 1; Tottenham Hotspur 0, Sheffield United 2; West Bromwich Albion 3, Nottingham Forest 3; West Ham United 3, Stockport County 2; Wolverhampton Wanderers 4, Portsmouth 1; York City 0, Bolton Wanderers 0.
SCOTTISH LEAGUE ONE: Hearts 7, Third Lanark 2; Queens Park 1, Hibernian 2; Raith Rovers 1, Celtic 2; all other matches postponed.
SCOTTISH LEAGUE TWO: Berwick Rangers 2, Dumbarton 2; other matches postponed.
LEAGUE THREE NORTHERN: Mansfield Town 0, Accrington Stanley 2; Workington 5, Chester 3; others postponed.
LEAGUE TWO: Rotherham Utd. v. Grimsby Town—postponed.
LEAGUE THREE SOUTHERN: Aldershot 2, Norwich City 1; Millwall 1 Walsall 3; Reading 3, Queens Park Rangers 0; Southampton 2, Crystal Palace 1; Swindon Town 1, Bournemouth 0, Remainder, postponed.

Adams Retains Title

DURBAN, Sunday (Reuter). — Denis Adams, South Africa's "Pocket Marciano," took only 3 minutes 20 seconds to retain his British Empire Flyweight title here on Friday night when he knocked out Warner Batchelor, of Australia.

Negotiations are expected to be opened immediately for a world title bout for Adams in Johannesburg against Pascual Perez, the Argentine world champion.

Earlier, the 5,000 capacity crowd saw Janny Van Rensburg knock out Sampie Pretorius in the third round to win the South African lightweight title vacated by Empire champion Willie Toweel. Van Rensburg already held the welterweight title.

REAL MADRID WIN 8-0

MADRID, Sunday (Reuter). —Real Madrid, the holders, beat Seville, 8-0, in the first leg of their European soccer cup quarter-final tie here, after leading 2-0 at half-time.

At the Cinema

"GATE of Hell" (Ron, Jerusalem) is illustrative of Japan's mastery of colour film. But for very few postcard shots, this film has the superb quality of the classic Japanese woodcut. The medieval story is strictly "Cruel Gothic," framed by incomprehensible plot conventions. The heroes bristle like fighting beetles, the ladies simper. All wear their ancient costume with a natural easiness never achieved by European actors.

Sophia Swims Again

THE Loren fans who kept "Boy on a Dolphin" running for three weeks, will enjoy "Africa Undersea" enormously. But for the fact that Sophia now dives in Bikinis, instead of clinging Greek shirts, it is practically the same film. Sophia, it seems, has become a serious pretender to Esther Williams' marine crown. The colourful background is this time provided by an excellent travelogue of Red Sea pearl diving. *T.H.F.M.*

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3½% Trust Dollar $)	99½
6% Reg. Sterling "A"	93
Def. Loan Bonds 62/5 £)	39½
4½% Def. Bonds ($)	99
4½% Def. Bonds (£)	99½
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4½% Loan G. Debs. (£)	96½
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Today's Postbag

The Weather

FORECAST: Intermittent showers, occasionally accompanied by thunderstorms.

Weather Synopsis: A semi-stationary area of low pressure extending from the Black Sea to Turkey and the Eastern Mediterranean is causing rain over the Eastern Mediterranean and snow over the mountains of Turkey.

	*A	B	C	D
Mt. Cana'an	82	5	9	7
Tiberias	78	39	14	13
Haifa Port	69	11	17	14
Netanya	68	10	17	14
Tel Aviv Kirya	79	11	14	14
Tel Aviv Port	83	11	16	14
Lydda Airport	72	10	15	13
Jerusalem	37	5	8	6
Beersheba	46	9	15	13
Sdom	29	—	27	23
Eilat	40	11	21	19

*A) Rain/Misty at 8 p.m. B) Minimum temp. C) Maximum temp. yesterday. D) Maximum temp. expected today.

Rainfall

	A	B
Haifa Port	7.4	661.2
Tel Aviv Port	14.2	297.0
Lydda Airport	13.9	490.6
Mt. Cana'an	11.8	488.3
Jerusalem	10.7	340.7
Tiberias	10.7	342.3
Beersheba	1.3	77.1

A. Rainfall (in mm.) for the 24 hours up to 8 a.m. yesterday.
B. Rainfall since August 1.

DEPARTURES

Prof. A. Tartakower, Mr. B. Mintz, M.K., and Mr. A. Reis, for Rome, to represent the World Jewish Congress at the Assembly of Jewish Organizations (by T.W.A.)

Commercial managers of 11 airlines flying to Israel, following an IATA sponsored conference at the Sharon Hotel last week.

Dr. N. I. Wolf, Director-General of Ose in Israel, for Paris, to participate in the meeting of the World Ose Centre (by El Al).

Mr. A. Cahana, President of the Tel Aviv-Jaffa Chamber of Commerce, for a short visit to Europe in connection with the establishment of an Israel Committee of the International Chamber of Commerce.

500 TRAFFIC OFFENCES and 15 criminal offences were heard by Visiting Magistrate Zion Aluf in Eilat yesterday at the beginning of a week of hearings during which it is intended to catch up with the heavy court backlog. *(Itim)*

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY

The Struggle for Independence

January 27, 1958

Twelve passengers were injured, three of them seriously, when an Arab bus on its way from Bethlehem to Jerusalem was attacked by the Haganah at 7 o'clock this morning near Mar Elias. The bus was mined and overturned. Small arms fire was then directed at it.

The operation was a reprisal for attacks on Jewish transport.

A Soviet trade mission arrived in Cairo to arrange the exchange of Egyptian cotton for Soviet wheat.

Refunds for Standees Left Out of Wales Game

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — The Football Association will refund money only on standing room tickets held by persons who could not get into the Ramat Gan Stadium to the Wales versus Israel game on January 15, Mr. Y. Dagan, Secretary of the Association, told *The Jerusalem Post* today.

An hour before the start of the game, police closed the gates to the standing room terraces because of the crush. Several hundred ticketholders were left outside.

Police stated today that they had not yet completed their investigation of the affair.

The Association claims that 48,000 tickets were printed for the Wales match. It is thought, however, that many hundreds of spectators managed to find their way into the Stadium without tickets.

U.S. Grant for Hazamir

Hazamir, the public organization sponsoring the international Zimria, was on Friday awarded a grant of IL15,000 by the U.S. Ambassador, Mr. Edward B. Lawson. A major portion of these funds will be used to stage a Jewish song festival as part of the Tenth Anniversary celebrations.

The grant is the fourth of 40 made to Israel organizations under the Informational Media Guaranty Programme.

Symposium on Food Packaging This Week

TEL AVIV, Sunday (USIS). — An exhibition comprising over 200 samples of Israel and American packaging will highlight a symposium on Wednesday and Thursday on food packaging.

The symposium, sponsored by the Manufacturers Association in cooperation with the Ministry of Commerce and Industry and the U.S. Operations Mission will be held in the permanent exhibition hall of the Manufacturers Association in Tel Aviv, 13 Rehov Montefiore.

Pelleg to Play IPO's New Harpsichord

The Israel Philharmonic Orchestra received its first harpsichord — a gift from its Society of Friends in London, assisted by the Leeds, Manchester and Newcastle branches.

The instrument, made by William de Blaese, formerly of Jerusalem, will be played for the first time by Frank Pelleg at the forthcoming 7th subscription concert series in Tel Aviv conducted by Sergiu Celibidache. Mr. Pelleg will perform Poulenc's Concert Champêtre.

We deeply mourn the passing away in New York of

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Import Liberalization May Be Extended; Prices Shown Stable

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The import liberalization policy of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, which today affects about 38 per cent of all goods brought into the country, will be maintained, Mr. M. Tsour, Director of the Ministry's Foreign Trade Department, told a press conference in Jerusalem yesterday.

The question of expanding the regulations to include up to 75 per cent of all imports depends on the possibility of maintaining a foreign currency reserve of $8m. to $4m., and the decision will have to be taken at Ministerial level during the review of the 1958-59 foreign currency budget, Mr. Tsour said.

Reviewing the effects of liberalization of import controls, first introduced in 1956, Mr. Tsour said that the easing of controls on a certain commodity was immediately followed by a sharp increase in demand for import licences, which, after a period, then decreased.

The spontaneous demand was only natural in a country hungry for imports and in which foreign currency was strictly controlled. Producers also feared that the Government would not be able to maintain its more liberal policy and attempted to build up large stocks.

In the long run, however, the tendency for increased imports tapered off and imports returned to the same, or a slightly higher, level than before liberalization.

Prices in general did not rise as a result, although high customs duties were levied on the affected imports — because duties were absorbed in the excessive profits formerly reaped by importers.

Mr. Tsour noted that where the Government yielded to pressure and fixed customs at a lower rate than it originally intended, imports rose. However, the greater competition between producers using imported raw materials checks a tendency to increased prices in this case.

Following the first round of liberalizing controls on wood, hides, wool and rayon, demand for import licences rose sharply, prices remained stable, and the market was shortly saturated. Competition on the local market between the many producers became keener, and manufacturers found that they had to expand exports in order to survive.

Mr. Tsour called the hides and leather industry a good example of the success of the policy. Foreign currency allocations to factories did not rise, prices actually fell, and the industry started the search for export markets.

On the other hand, the situation in the plastics industry, where liberalization was introduced in August 1957, was quite different. Imports increased from $1m. annually to an estimated $2.5m. this year. Mr. Tsour attributed the increase to the fact that the industry succeeded in having the duty levy reduced which the Government wanted to impose, and went on to build up stocks in anticipation of still higher duties.

"Our shortage of foreign currency is, however, smaller than their shortage of local currency," Mr. Tsour commented. He predicted that it will not be able to go on increasing its stocks.

He also noted that sofar, plastics had not become dearer.

Repairs Made To German Ship

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA, Sunday. — The 4,400 ton German freighter Tucana, of the Star Line, Luebeck, left this evening for Denmark after undergoing repairs in the port here.

While at anchor in the Turkish port of Mersin on January 5, she was rammed by a Turkish ship out of control in a gale. Her starboard hull and superstructure were badly damaged.

Captain Peter Braack, the master, recalled that last May a complicated engine repair had been carried out here efficiently and speedily by the Palestine Ship Repairs Company and the National Engineering Company, and decided to call again at Haifa for the repairs required by Lloyd's surveyors.

A dispute arose here when the Koor-affiliated Hayam Company sent its workers aboard the Tucana to carry out the work, which its Manager, Mr. S. Kowarsky, claimed had been awarded his company. Captain Braack denied having contacted Hayama and said that he had mistaken the workers who came aboard for those of Palestine Ship Repairs. The Hayama men left only after the intervention of the port police.

Hayama is considering taking legal action against the ship's owners to recover damages on the basis of the alleged oral agreement with Captain Braack.

The captain said today that the repairs had been completed a day ahead of schedule. The ship would undergo a thorough overhaul in her home port, he added.

Ben-Gal Expanding Kiryat Shmona Plant

KIRYAT SHMONA, Sunday. — A branch factory of the Ben-Gal Radio Company set up here some months ago will soon expand to employ 240 workers instead of the present eight, Mr. Y. Zachai, manager of the branch, stated today.

The expansion programme, which entails an investment of IL1.5m., has been submitted to the Ministry of Commerce and Industry for approval.

The manufacture of transistors, which are progressively replacing orthodox radio valves, is included in the branch's plan for producing radio components at present bought abroad. Transistors have a "sure market" in Burma, Ghana, Liberia and Cyprus, Mr. Zachai said.

Some of the machine tools ordered from France for the plant have already been delivered, he added. *(Itim)*

Direct Haifa-Cyprus Flights to be Stopped

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — Cyprus Airways will terminate its Haifa-Nicosia weekly flight as from February 1. The line intends to increase trips to Lydda thrice weekly, however, it was learned here.

B.E.A. announced that as a result of a new contract with Cyprus Airways, the latter will operate exclusively with Viscount Turbo-prop carriers instead of Dakotas. Since the Haifa Airport is too small to accommodate the Viscounts, it will have to discontinue its Haifa flight.

It was the only international airline to use the Haifa airstrip for commercial flights.

The service to Lydda will land on Sundays, Tuesdays and Fridays and leave the following day. To assist the passenger and freight shippers in Northern Israel, Cyprus Airways has made arrangements for fast road transport from Haifa to Lydda coordinated with the airline's schedule.

35 Who Fell Going To Etzion Mourned

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The families of the 35 Palmach members who fell on their way to reinforce the Kfar Etzion Bloc in the Hebron Hills ten years ago met in mourning yesterday at the Har Herzl Military Cemetery and laid wreaths on the graves of the fallen.

The ceremony, which was cut short due to the heavy rain, was attended by representatives of the Ministry of Defence and the Jewish Agency.

Later in the day the President received the bereaved families.

Last night's session of the Municipal Council was opened with a eulogy of the 35 by Mayor Gershon Agron.

Scholarships in memory of Tuvia Kushnir and Benyamin Persitz, two of the fallen 35, were awarded at the Williams Planetarium on the University campus. The Tuvia Kushnir scholarship, established by his parents and the Histadrut Agricultural Centre, was given to Mr. Uzzi Nur, a botany student, and the Benyamin Persitz scholarship, also established by his parents, was won by Mrs. Naomi Friedman-Levy, a chemistry student.

Tel Aviv Airs Garbage Problems

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — A City Council delegation is to protest against the Ministry of Interior's decision to earmark 3,000 dunams of the City's development area on the far side of the Yarkon River for farmland.

Mayor Haim Levanon, announcing this at today's Council meeting, condemned attempts "to stifle the city's efforts to solve its overcrowding problem."

The results of overcrowding were echoed in the annual report of Mr. M. Gefen, head of the City Sanitation Department. Tel Aviv, with 390,000 population, spreads over 50,000 dunams of which 23,000 dunams are built-up area. Moreover, an additional 200,000 persons enter the city daily. Serving the metropolis is a Sanitation Department with an annual budget of IL 6m. and handling 170,000 tons of waste.

The disposal of garbage presented difficulties, but the promised operation of a compost conversion installation next year would help not only to exploit the garbage productively but rid the area of flies, Mr. Gefen noted.

Councillor E. Schechter (Mapai), attacked the Municipality's sanitation record in the name of the labour Opposition. He accused the city of treating part of the population as second-class citizens and only removing their garbage three times a week. Tel Aviv is neglected and has a "neglected, Oriental appearance," he charged, adding that some 60 per cent of the houses were still not connected to the Municipal sewerage system.

Jerusalem Council Hits Negligent Building

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The collapse of part of a building last week in Jerusalem was a result of "criminal negligence in building," Mr. Mordecai Ish-Shalom, Jerusalem Vice-Mayor, last night told the Municipal Council.

(He was referring to the collapse, shortly after the scaffolding was removed, of the staircase of a new floor being added to a two-storey building, Beit Orrenstein, in the Geula Quarter.)

Mr. Ish-Shalom said the City's engineers had found "very serious defects" in the work, and it was "a miracle that no one was killed." He called upon the Contractors' Association to take steps against the contractor concerned (whom he did not name), and said that the Standards Institute would be asked to test the quality of other work performed in building the additional storey.

Moreover, he called upon the Government to promulgate a law requiring that all contractors be licensed.

The Council also approved the application for a building licence requested by the Israel Goldstein Synagogue. The building had been constructed by the Hebrew University on its new campus before a licence had been issued by the Municipality.

Mr. A. Axelrod (Herut) asked the Council to take steps to prevent the Froumine biscuit factory from closing down its Jerusalem plant and moving to the coastal plain.

The Council approved in principle a by-law restricting smoking in cinemas to the balconies, or to the last rows of the hall itself, when there was no balcony. It also passed a by-law amendment which permits restaurants to remain open until 2 a.m.

The City is to buy two fire engines at IL12,000 each, and a large mechanical ladder.

SALK BOOSTERS

Injections of booster shots of Salk vaccine will end this week in the Jerusalem and Tel Aviv districts. Parents whose children were inoculated twice last year and have not yet received a third shot are requested to bring their children to any station and complete the course of inoculations, the Ministry of Health stated yesterday.

New Kosher Butcher May Open Jerusalem Shop

The Supreme Court sitting as the High Court of Justice yesterday ordered the Jerusalem Municipality to grant a license to Mr. Suleiman Baian, a Christian, to open a butcher shop in Rehov Emek Hara'fa'im in the German Colony. The Municipality had previously refused to grant the permission because of the opposition of its religious members to the opening of a non-kosher butcher shop in Jerusalem.

During the Municipal Council discussion of the request, it was pointed out that even if the City was not empowered to refuse the licence on religious grounds, it could claim that there were too many butcher shops already in that neighbourhood.

The President of the Supreme Court, Justice Y. Olshan, reaffirmed that the Municipality could not refuse a permit on religious grounds, and added that neither could it make use of the economic pretext as only a Local Council was authorized to limit the number of similar enterprises in a specific area.

The Municipality was ordered to grant the licence, on condition that the District Medical Officer approves the shop. *(Itim)*

Head Nurse Moves In; Appointment Disputed

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Mrs. Haya Zipkin yesterday took up her post as Director of the Ministry of Health's Nursing Division in Jerusalem, although her appointment was "still under discussion," according to Civil Service Commission officials.

Mrs. Zipkin was appointed by the Minister of Health, Mr. I. Barzilai, over the opposition of senior Ministry nurses who claimed that the appointment was made on political grounds.

The Civil Service Commission in November "brought to the attention" of the Ministry the fact that, according to civil service procedure, the position should be filled only after consultation with the Nurses' Association and with that body's full agreement.

A senior official of the Commission told *The Jerusalem Post* last night: "We have not dropped the matter."

Chief Epidemiologist Loaned to W.H.O.

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Dr. Peretz Yekutiel, Director of the Ministry of Health's Epidemiology Department, and "commander-in-chief" of the nation-wide Salk vaccination campaign against polio, will leave for Geneva at the beginning of next week to begin a two-year tour of duty with the World Health Organization.

He will be one of an international group of health experts working on a malaria eradication project. From Geneva, the experts will be posted to countries where malaria constitutes a health menace.

District health nurses and physicians from all over the country yesterday attended a party given for Dr. Yekutiel by Ministry employees in Jerusalem.

Bar-Ilan Aims at New Kind of Jew

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — "The paramount task facing the Bar-Ilan University is the creation of a new type of Jew through a synthesis of religion and faith on the one hand and modern science on the other," Prof. Joseph Lookstein said today at a Tel Aviv press conference.

Prof. Lookstein, Chairman of the University's Academic Council and a member of its Board of Trustees, is here for a short inspection tour of the University following the recent death of its President, the late Prof. Pinchas Churgin.

He told reporters that no candidates for President would be discussed until after the end of the period of mourning for Prof. Churgin. *(Itim)*

Israel Population Now 1,976,000

Israel's population at the end of 1957 numbered 1,976,000, a rise of 103,000 over the preceding year, the Central Bureau of Statistics announced yesterday. The Jewish population stood at 1,760,000, an increase of 93,000.

Jewish natural increase in 1957 was the highest since 1951, and accounted for 52 per cent of the year's total Jewish increase. In 1957, there were 45,000 births and 11,000 deaths, compared with 43,000 and 10,000 in 1956.

Immigration in 1957 totalled 71,000, exceeding 1956 by 18,000. The number of residents leaving the country was 43,000, while returning residents totalled 33,000. Corresponding figures for 1956 were 42,000 and 30,000. Residents who declared they were emigrating numbered 6,348, about the same as in 1956.

Last year also saw a rise in tourism — 45,000 — topping 1956 by 2,000. Of the tourists who arrived in 1956, 1,482 settled in this country.

Arab Youths Study Fruit Growing

Arab youths of 12 villages in the Little Triangle and Galilee are undergoing training in modern methods of orchard farming at a Ministry of Agriculture — Youth Aliya course in Kfar Vitkin, the Ministry stated yesterday. The 20 students, aged 16 to 18, are attending a six-week course, the third to be organized by the Ministry with the aim of bringing modern agriculture to the minorities. In addition to Hebrew, the curriculum includes studies of soil, water and botany, while organized after-studies recreation is provided.

The fee per student is IL50, including board and lodging, while a deficit of IL300 per student is being covered by the Ministry and Youth Aliya. Some 90 young persons of minority groups have already taken courses in agriculture.

2 Children Hurt By Hunting Party

BEERSHEBA, Sunday. — Two 10-year-old girls were wounded, one of them seriously, near Moshav Segula, on the Faluja Road, yesterday when a party of four hunters from Tel Aviv opened fire on what they took to be a pack of foxes.

Zahava Boneh, of Segula, was taken to the Kaplan Hospital, Rehovot, for treatment. The four hunters were detained by police.

Suleiman's Son Tried For Dealing in Army Weapons

Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEERSHEBA, Sunday. — The absence of the defence lawyer and a contempt charge against one of the witnesses were the highlights of the first day of the military trial here today of Sultan el Suleiman, on charges of being in illegal possession of, and trading in rifles and ammunition belonging to the Defence Forces.

The defence lawyer, Mr. Y. Hoenigman of Tel Aviv, refused to appear in court because his request that the trial be held in Tel Aviv was refused. He maintained that pressure was being exerted on local witnesses.

The President of the Court, Sgan-Aluf Uri Ruks, in a statement to the press, said later he refused to transfer the hearing because 14 out of the 18 witnesses were from the Beersheba area. At his request, police telephoned Mr. Hoenigman, who promised to appear in court tomorrow.

Sultan, who has been in custody since his arrest in May 1957, has pleaded not guilty. He refused to cross-examine witnesses or to make any statement in the absence of defence counsel.

The first witness, Ravsamal Kaduri, said that in a routine search of the fields of the Huzeil tribe last May, he revealed eight boxes containing 8,500 cartridges of Ta'as origin in a cave near Sultan's tent.

The next witness, Abu Ani, at first refused to testify. After being sentenced to eight days' imprisonment for contempt of court he changed his mind and gave evidence *in camera*. The contempt sentence was then repealed by the Court President.

Another witness, Salim Abu Djuad, a servant of Sultan, told the court that on two occasions Jews had driven up to the accused's dwelling and unloaded arms and ammunition. He then helped Sultan carry the munitions into a nearby cave.

The trial continues tomorrow.

Suspected of Taking Photos of Army Camp

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — Muhammad Ismail Jeramna, 18, of Muqueibila village near Umm el Fahm in the Israel Triangle, was ordered detained for ten days today by Tel Aviv Magistrate Y. Zohar, on charges that he entered a military camp without permission and photographed military objects there.

The defendant denied the charges. *(Itim)*

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there a group of men so imbued with this spirit and free from all personal rivalries and ambitions.

Rav-Aluf Dayan referred to the advances the army has made in its air power, armour, communications, and especially in its mobility and fighting strength. The Army had kept up with the tremendous technical changes that had taken place in the last four years, as for example the conversion of the Air Force from propeller-driven to jet planes. This had been accomplished smoothly, and the same revolution could also be noticed in other branches of the forces, Rav-Aluf Dayan said.

Laskov's Responsibility

Aluf Laskov, who was introduced by Rav-Aluf Dayan, said that he appreciated the immense responsibility falling on his shoulders at this time, when so many new factors were involved in our security position, and expressed the hope that he would find the same spirit of cooperation among the press.

Mr. Ya'acov Amit, editor of "Al Hamishmar," on behalf of the editors present, wished the new Chief of Staff success and expressed appreciation for the cooperation that the outgoing Chief of Staff had established with the editors.

Present at the meeting were the editors of "Al Hamishmar," "Davar," "El Yom," "Ha'aretz," "Haboker," "Hatzofe," "Herut," *The Jerusalem Post*, "Lamerhav," "Mariv," "Omer," "Yediot Aharonot," and the Deputy Director of Kol Yisrael.

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USSR-ISRAEL

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mon at the time of the Suez crisis, the Soviet formula is now to attack the "imperialist" Israel Government. However, the paper did not see this as presaging any radical change in the situation of Soviet Jews, particularly those who wish to emigrate to Israel, which would be the most important sign to Israelis of any general desire to improve relations. Moreover, recent articles in two periodicals "Mezhdunarodnaya Zhizn" ("International Life") and "Sovremyennly Voskok" ("Contemporary East"), have not been any less critical than those in the Moscow press during Sinai.

Israel is still referred to by Moscow as a "colonialist agent" which is "tied to the war-mongers," and there is an ominous undertone of "regret" for the course she has taken. In the post-Sinai period peace on the borders has been described in Moscow as "active belligerency against Syria and Jordan," and denials by U.N. Observers of the reports of Israel's massing of troops along the borders are countered by reports from Moscow's "own observers" that Israel troops were there as claimed.

From those who have met Mr. Bodrov, it is learned that he has a likeable personality. He never avoided Israelis at the official receptions in Sofia, even when diplomatic relations did not exist between the two countries. But an Ambassador does not formulate his own policy, but must carry out his Government's instructions.

As to the reports abroad that the Soviet Union can help bring about peace between Israel and the Arab states, the Israel Government in its reply last week to the Soviet note of December 10 indicates that it would welcome such an initiative. But it is clear that Moscow cannot at one and the same time do this and behind the scenes help the Arabs achieve their avowed intention of "recovering the Palestine homeland."

Fined IL5,000 For Defrauding Treasury

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — A 36-year-old Tel Aviv insurance agent who was found guilty of complicity in a plot to defraud the Treasury of IL 14,000 was today fined IL5,000 and given a suspended sentence of one year imprisonment by Tel Aviv Magistrate H. Bental.

The accused, Gershon Fifer, had accepted the sum from a former Ministry of Finance employee, Yonah Zinger, who has since fled abroad. The money was falsely entered in the Ministry's accounts as intended for the insuring of imported goods that had already been insured by foreign companies. The defendant, Zinger and several other employees of the Ministry shared the proceeds.

Fifer admitted his guilt and, according to the police, expressed his willingness to reimburse the Ministry. He claimed that he had been drawn into the plot against his will by Zinger.

In passing sentence, the Magistrate considered the accused's clean record and the help he had given the police in their investigation. *(Itim)*

Cables in Brief

SIXTH. — The Rumanian Minister of Culture and Education, Mr. Atanase Joja, has been appointed Deputy Premier, Bucharest Radio said yesterday. His appointment brought the number of Deputy Premiers to six.

REFLOATED. — The 1,161-ton freighter Perseverance Bay which went aground near the Gulf of Aksba on Saturday has been refloated by her own means, Lloyds shipping intelligence reported in London yesterday.

Claims Conference Allocates $10m.

ROME, Sunday (INA). — The sum of $10.2m. was allocated to Jewish communities, organizations and institutions in 30 countries throughout the world by the Board of Directors of the Claims Conference at the close of its annual meeting held here today.

The sum, representing funds available for distribution this year, brings the total distributed thus far to $29m., it was announced by Mr. Jacob Blaustein, Senior Vice-President of the Claims Conference.

In presenting the 1958 budgetary recommendations for consideration by the Board, Mr. Blaustein pointed out that the sums allocated were only for a fraction of the applications received this year. "Requests for allocations are continuing to run far ahead of funds at our disposal. The enormity of the destruction inflicted upon Jewish life by the Nazis is reflected in the sobering fact that 13 years after the defeat of Hitlerism, requests for allocations are continuing to run ahead of our budget thre-fold," he said.

Mr. Blaustein pointed out that for the first time allocations were included for the benefit of Nazi victims in Eastern European countries, notably Poland, Czechoslovakia and Hungary.

Hadassah Winter Conference Opens

NEW YORK, Sunday (INA). — Any cut in President Eisenhower's $3,900m. request for foreign aid would be "detrimental" to the U.S. position in the world today, especially in the Middle East, Miriam K. Freund, National President of Hadassah, warned today.

She spoke at the opening session of Hadassah's four-day annual mid-winter conference at the Delmonico Hotel. The meeting was also addressed by Mrs. Samuel W. Halprin, Chairman of Hadassah's Committee for Observance of Israel's Tenth Anniversary and the Acting Chairman of the American Section of the Jewish Agency, and Miss Esther Herlitz, Israel Consul in New York.

Mosaic Stone Thieves Caught in Capital

Some 20 children aged 10 to 16 are to appear before the Jerusalem Juvenile Court on a charge of stealing substantial quantities of mosaic stones from a factory in the Jerusalem Romema Quarter, police stated yesterday.

Small bands of children stole stones worth nearly IL2,000 during several recent nights, it was said. Only part of the stolen property was retrieved. They had also removed stones from Jerusalem store fronts.

The youngsters already apprehended by the police have been placed in the care of the Juvenile Probation Service. *(Itim)*

LONG AWAITED RAIN FALLS IN G. NEGEV

BEERSHEBA, Sunday. — Long-awaited rain fell last night in the Eastern Negev on the parched fields of local Beduin. The rain allayed fears of a drought and aroused hopes that crops might yet be saved.

Several fields in the area had already been ploughed under in the past week. *(Itim)*

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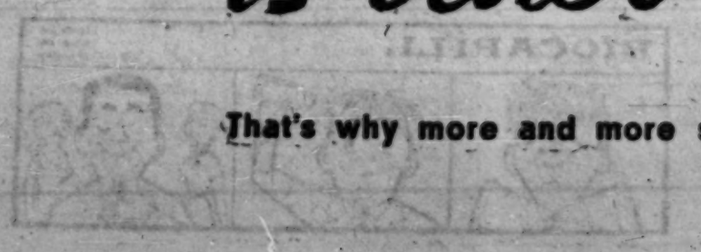

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New Chief of Staff is Fighter and Organizer

By Our Military Correspondent

THE resignation of Rav-Aluf Moshe Dayan, Israel's Chief of Staff, and the appointment of his successor, Rav-Aluf Haim Laskov, are likely some day to be seen as marking the end of an epoch in the safe establishment of Israel within the Arab world. On his way back from Burma ten days ago, Rav-Aluf Dayan said to London reporters that Israel's borders seemed safe at present, and he saw no reason why there should be any change. If that is so, he has had no little to do with the creation of this situation. Bred in Haganah — in 'Defence' — Dayan early belonged to those who believed that security cannot be achieved by waiting to throw back an enemy attack only once it has been mounted in force. From the establishment of the State, Israel's borders have been long and tortuous and almost incapable of defence by static means, that leave the initiative always in the enemy's hands. Rav-Aluf Dayan formulated this view on many occasions by saying that we could hope for peace only when the Arab states realized there was nothing to be gained by attacking Israel's borders or sending marauders across. The lesson was long and bitter. It found its earliest expression in the attack on Kibya, in Jordan, in 1953, led through a long series of hazardous actions, and culminated in the Sinai campaign of 1956. This form of active defence was subjected to some sharp criticism inside Israel as well as abroad, and while defence policy is not the responsibility of the Chief of Staff but of the Minister of Defence, it was known not only to have the support of Rav-Aluf Dayan, but to be based at least in part on his claim that he could carry it out.

In the event, it has resulted in a situation in which no Arab country is likely to launch an attack on Israel short of major outside assistance. In fact, the military picture has changed from Arab harassing action to East-West tensions in the Middle East which cannot be reduced by military action on a local scale.

This daring retaliation could be planned and carried out only if the Israel Army was a well-trained instrument, and its command both determined and flexible. Rav-Aluf Dayan's decisions have been assisted by three significant factors. The first of these is a close and careful familiarity with both Israel and the neighbouring terrains, and the capacities of the men on both sides, followed by a shrewd appreciation of the political realities of the situation, and a determination to keep the services of no one who could not carry out even seemingly impossible orders or who hesitated to supervise his arrangements from the front line, as he was accustomed to do himself.

The Chief of Staff is to remain in the Army with the rank of Aluf for the present, and is expected to spend the coming year studying at the University. His withdrawal from an active role in the Army is likely to bring him more fully into the political life of the country, and it is known that Mapai hopes that he will join the Knesset, and perhaps the Cabinet, after next year's elections. Much may happen before then including his return to active service in the case of emergency, for he is known to hold the view that the rank of chief of staff should not disqualify a soldier from further service in other capacities.

Rav-Aluf Dayan's years of leadership made Israel's military prowess one of the most astonishing phenomena of the emerging state. When the day comes for him to apply to the political situation the same honest appraisal of problems and daring originality in devising solutions, we may wish him, and ourselves, the same measure of success as has marked his distinguished and brilliant military career.

RAV-ALUF LASKOV

Rav-Aluf Haim Laskov will be the oldest Chief of Staff to assume that office. But he is of the same brood hatched by Rav-Aluf Dori which gave this country the three officers who succeeded him: Yigael Yadin, Mordecai Makleff, and Moshe Dayan.

Like Rav-Aluf Makleff, whose schoolmate he was at the Reali Secondary School in Haifa, Laskov lost his father through an Arab attack. A timber mill owner in the White Russian town of Borisov, Laskov's father arrived in Palestine in 1924. For father Laskovski (the last three letters were dropped later) was an ardent Zionist. He had visited this country in 1909, and returned with his family at the earliest opportunity. There was nothing much to do in Haifa in timber-sawing, so the new immigrant turned to driving horse and cart. There was nothing undignified in pursuing any trade in Palestine—the main thing was to be free in the Land of Promise. Early in 1930, in the aftermath of the 1929 disturbances, Laskov's father was overrun by an Arab crowd in Haifa's Iraq Street and killed.

Large Family

The Laskov family was a large one — four brothers and a sister — and lived in the Halissa quarter, before the disturbances, one of the few Jewish families in an Arab locality. They were evacuated by British police. Young Haim smuggled out some of the arms the Hagana had supplied to the Jewish inhabitants.

Haim Laskov had been associated very actively with the Hagana during his days at the Reali School. Dr. Biram, the Principal, who had been accused of "Prussianism" by many, was his idol. Laskov understood well the importance of the Special Physical Training Groups established under Dr. Biram's patronage. They were the field in which future military leaders of Israel were being grown. Laskov became a Hagana company commander. For some time he was deputy to Munia Mardor, head of the "Special Assignments Squad" which specialized in "difficult" jobs, like retaliation.

Laskov's first experience with the English was as an interpreter to the Royal West Kents, who were engaged in mopping-up Arab gangs on the Carmel during the 1936-1939 disturbances. He also served under Wingate. In 1940 he joined the British army, serving first with the Royal East Kents, later in the Second Palestinian Regiment, the formation which caused a lot of trouble because its soldiers insisted on hoisting the blue-white flag alongside the Union Jack. The regiment was later incorporated in the Jewish Brigade Group. With it Laskov saw fighting near Alfonsine against the Wehrmacht's 42nd Jaeger Division and later against Hermann Goering's Fourth Parachute Division. At the end of the war, Haim Laskov was a major. He would admit that, when in Belgium, he helped Jewish "illegal" refugees to reach Palestine.

A Security Officer of the Palestine Electric Corporation in 1947, Major Laskov was already preparing Hagana training courses. He had vision, for his plans included the establishment of a Staff and Command College — an institution which was indeed set up by the Army only a few years ago.

During the War of Liberation, after taking part in actual fighting (he took his men into the Latrun monastery, went back again because other commanders succeeded less well than he; later opened the way to Nazareth by putting 30 of Kaukji's armoured vehicles out of commission) Aluf Laskov became the first head of the Army's Training Branch and personally conducted the first officers' course.

Air Force Chief

Dr. Biram's training won Laskov a name for solidity, thoroughness and discipline. After the war, when the Air Force was still teething, he was suddenly invested with a blue beret and given the task of introducing a workable routine. In all technical matters he relied on his deputy, the then Aluf-Mishne Dan Tolkowsky, now Commander of the Air Force. However, he was greatly impressed by the possibilities of the air arm and learned to understand its requirements, veteran infantryman as he was. Six years later, in 1956, Laskov was delegated to form the rapidly expanding Armoured Corps. He did so with ardour and expediency, later led his tanks to victory at Rafah and El Arish.

A soldier since childhood, Laskov has never learned to speak in public. But he also has never unlearned his native sense of humour — although it is of a particular sort, an unsmiling one, delivered in short grunts from under his favourite pipe. Pipes, incidentally, are one of the cherished hobbies of the new Chief of Staff. The others include reading military literature and biographies.

In 1953 he went to Oxford for a three year spell to study political economy, economics and philosophy. But barely two years later he was back in uniform as Deputy Chief of Staff and head of G-Branch under Rav-Aluf Dayan. His last job was O.C. Southern Command, which he took over following the tragic death of Aluf Assaf Simhoni, immediately after the Sinai campaign.

Rav Aluf Laskov married Shulamit Chen seven years ago.

Samson of the Foxes

THE new head of the G Branch — a post which four of the Army's Chiefs of Staff have held — is Aluf Zvi Tsur, up to now O.C. Central Command. He is also Russian-born, arrived in Palestine with his parents in 1925, when he was two years old. He graduated from the Geula Commercial School in Tel Aviv.

A short lively man, Tsur (commonly known among his friends and colleagues as "Tchera") won his commission in a Hagana course where Aluf Moshe Carmel (at present Minister of Transport) was second-in-command and Rav-Aluf Yigael Yadin, Chief Instructor. The British authorities had an eye on him. He was arrested in Afikim on the "Black Saturday", when so many Hagana members were rounded up by the authorities, and detained two months at the Rafah detention camp.

When hostilities started in 1947, Tsur was second in command of a battalion in the famous "Givati" brigade. Two years later he was brigade commander. By then he had won fame when, at the head of a formation of armed jeeps, he stormed Hill 105 which blocked the way to Negba. The dash and daring of the men who manned those jeeps was marked by their comrades who nicknamed them "Samson's Foxes." When Aluf Dayan was O.C. Southern Command, Tsur headed his staff.

Aluf Tsur has also spent some time abroad studying non-military subjects. He read Public Administration at the University of Syracuse, in the U.S. When his friend Aluf Makleff became Chief of Staff, he called "Tchera" to be his Adjutant-General. In this capacity, Tsur saw to it that the long-needed Schedule for Officers' Advancement was promulgated, and the Military Penal Code finally passed by the Knesset.

Precedence to Infantry

Aluf Tsur disappointed "job-hunters" in the Army by following an unprecedented rule: giving the infantry the pick of the conscripts. His conviction echoes that of the new Chief of Staff, who is convinced that the infantry, after all, are the real masters of the battlefield.

In 1951, Aluf Tsur married a Hebrew University student, Rachel Stern.

They first met when Rachel brought "Tchera" a note from Hagana headquarters. The Tsurs have three children between one and six years of age. History, arts and music are listed among Tsur's hobbies.

Brandt Resets Germany's Political Stage

Former Exile Becomes National Figure in Four Months

By SEBASTIAN HAFFNER

BERLIN (OPNB). — WILLY Brandt, a young man of 44, has in the last four months risen like a rocket over the West German political field. Starting from the relatively modest position of Speaker of the West Berlin City Parliament, he became Burgomaster of West Berlin last October, President of the West German Bundesrat (Upper House), and as such deputy of President Heuss, last November, and, after an epic internal party battle, leader of the Berlin Social Democrat Party last week. He now suddenly holds an almost unique key position in German politics. What is more, in his successful struggle for this position he has shown single-mindedness, daring pertinacity and political acumen of a rare kind.

Germany is not a rich breeding ground of political talent. Since the deaths of Kurt Schumacher in 1952 and Burgomaster Ernst Reuter in 1953, the 82-year-old Dr. Adenauer has towered like a lonely giant over the West German political scene, without a real rival, either in his own party or among the opposition parties. If one looks at the German political scene as a whole, one sees—apart from the Chancellor—many worthy, plodding routine politicians, perhaps a dozen high-powered experts of the kind who make excellent heads of departments, but not real leaders, and perhaps half a dozen brilliant intellectuals.

Brandt's biography is rather out of the ordinary. Born as Herbert Frahm in Lubeck one year before the outbreak of the First World War, he emigrated to Norway as a youth of 20 in 1933, immediately after the advent of Hitler in Germany. In Norway he assumed the name of Willy Brandt to which he has since stuck, made a career as a political student, writer and journalist, and became a Norwegian citizen (he also married a Norwegian, who makes today an arrestingly good-looking first lady of West Berlin; he has two sons, and to this day Norwegian is as much spoken as German in the Brandt family.)

In 1940 he was captured in Norwegian uniform (though not as a combatant) by the invading Germans. Unrecognized by his captors and soon released, he escaped to Sweden, continuing there for the rest of the war to work for Norwegian exiled political and welfare organisations and for the Norwegian exiled Press; with the returning Norwegians he, too, went back to Oslo in May 1945, and his first renewal of acquaintance with the country of his birth was a Norwegian Press correspondent at the Nuremberg trials, about which he afterwards wrote a book. In the autumn of 1946 he was appointed Press attache with the Norwegian military mission in Berlin.

Turning Point

This appointment became the second turning point in his life. The renewal of old political friendships, the meeting with another returned exile, Ernst Reuter, but more than anything, perhaps, the visible approach of the great political crisis which was to culminate in the Berlin blockade, awakened both his slumbering German patriotism and his political passions; he felt unable to watch the coming struggle as a mere spectator. In the autumn of 1947 he resigned — in the most amicable way — his office and his status, resumed German citizenship, rejoined the German Social Democrat Party to which he had belonged as a youth, and in the blockade year of 1948 became one of the right-hand men of Burgomaster Reuter with the special task of keeping liaison with the allies. To Norwegian journalists he justified his decision by saying: "In Germany every democrat is needed; Norway has plenty of them, anyhow."

In the eight years from the end of the Berlin blockade to last October, Brandt's political career was outwardly quiet and unremarkable. He was a Berlin delegate to the Bundestag (Lower House) in Bonn, a member of the Berlin City Parliament, and, since 1955, its Speaker. He was also a somewhat rebellious member of the Social Democrat Party, advocating party reform and an "opening to the right" on somewhat Scandinavian lines, and he repeatedly failed to be elected to the party executive. But quietly, with an extraordinary, patient determination, unflaggingly attending nearly all the ward and district meetings of his party in West Berlin, making friends and influencing people, and building up a personal local following, he was preparing the spectacular break-through to national importance which he has achieved in the last four months.

To appreciate that breakthrough, four facts have to be considered.

1) Although the Social Democrats have, with one short interruption, always since 1946 held the majority in the Berlin City Parliament and provided the Burgomaster, party and city government has never up to now run in harness. Party leadership has uninterruptedly lain, from 1945 to last Sunday, with Franz Neumann, a party stalwart of the traditional type. The Social Democrat Burgomasters of West Berlin, Reuter, Suhr and now Brandt have never had a real grip on their local party machine, and have thereby been much weakened in their influence on national politics.

2) Partly as a consequence of this, partly for other reasons, West Berlin has never so far carried the full weight of other West German States in the Bundesrat, but has always been something of an appendage of West Germany, considered half in and half out.

3) At the same time, West Berlin has since the end of the blockade been completely isolated from, and without influence on, East Germany as well as the nominal fourth occupation Power, Russia.

4) West German Social Democrat Party reformers, who have after the repeated electoral defeats of their party tried to effect an "opening to the right" have so far singularly failed in gaining a real foothold in the inner party machine, let alone capturing the machine as a whole in one State or another. Their influence on party policy has been severely limited by this failure.

Neumann Ousted

In all these four respects Brandt has made a change within the last four months. After gaining the Berlin Burgomastership last October much against the wishes of one fac n in his party, he has just got himself elected leader of the Berlin Social Democrat Party, ousting Neumann and his followers after a bitter and long-drawn personal fight, which at times had seemed to threaten to split the party, and in which Brandt showed great patience in preparing the ground, the skill of a master tactician and real ruthlessness in the clinch. Brandt has thereby become the first West Berlin Burgomaster to gain full control of his own party machine, and at the same time the first Social Democrat Party reformer in the whole of Germany to conquer the party machine of a State. The first redoubles his weight as Burgomaster of West Berlin in the political life of West Germany at the Federal level; the second makes him, as the new leader of the Berlin Social Democrats, at one stroke the biggest personal power in the reforming wing of the Social Democrat Party, and a serious candidate for the party leadership if this wing should gain ascendancy during the next four years.

Last November he accepted, despite much advice to the contrary, the Presidency of the West German Bundesrat; at the same time, he started a campaign to make the Berlin delegates to the Bundestag full voting members, and he is pressing this demand, both with the West German Government and with the Western allies, with the same pertinacity which he has shown in conquering his party machine in Berlin. In short, he has set out to put an end to the "poor relation" status of West Berlin and to gain his city the full status of a constituent State of West Germany.

Visit to East

But, as if to disarm the argument that this might endanger the four-Power status of Berlin as a whole, he has been the first post-blockade Burgomaster of West Berlin to try to make this status a reality again. Recently, after diplomatic preparation, he paid a formal visit to the Soviet Commandant in East Berlin for a two-hour talk on questions concerning Berlin as a whole. This visit in itself—the first paid since the blockade, that is for almost 10 years—had a somewhat sensational effect, apart from what may develop from it.

Through all this, the new Burgomaster has made himself, in a rapid crescendo, one of the most talked about figures in Germany. What is more, he has made himself a personal power to be reckoned with: and he shows every intention to make the most of that power. His enemies — of whom he has quite a few — speak of him as an over-ambitious and unprincipled go-getter, but even they have recently begun to speak of him with a sort of fearful respect — rather in the same way in which Dr. Adenauer is spoken of by his enemies. Among his friends and personal followers, he has a leader's capacity of arousing real enthusiasm. But it is early to assess this vigorous and dynamic new man. What is certain is that with him a new force of an uncommon kind has entered the German political scene. In four short months Willy Brandt has made himself a national figure. Within the next few years, he may well become an international one.

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Readers Letters

EMPLOYMENT

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I refer to the Marginal Column of January 10 by Mr. Arthur Saul Super.

The problem of employment for Israel's adolescents was raised by the author of the column in a very interesting form, but I am sorry to state that he was wrong in quoting our Port Services as an example of avoiding the use of mechanical equipment "in order that the work to be done be shared out among a larger number of less-skilled workers or entirely unskilled workers." The facts in Haifa Port prove just the opposite. Dock work has been mechanized in this port, since the inception of the State, to a very considerable extent, and this policy met with full understanding and cooperation on the part of our port workers and the Histadrut. It is true that in certain ports in the world, in England for instance, the dockers oppose mechanization, but no such problem exists in our port.

Yours, etc.
N. RAB,
Public Relations Officer,
Haifa Port
Haifa, January 15.

I was referring mainly, of course, to the opposition to Dagon. —A.S.S.

SPRAYING INSECTICIDES

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I was surprised to read in your issue of January 10 that secondary school pupils who are going out for agricultural work as part of the Gadna training will engage, *inter alia*, in the spraying of insecticides.

It is well known that these chemicals are dangerous and that great care must be exercised in their use. According to the instructions of the Ministry of Labour, work with such dangerous materials must not be done by young people under the age of 18.

During the last two years, a large number of light and serious poisoning cases have occurred among workers in this field. Two fatalities occurred among youngsters in this category, not to mention the serious accidents that have resulted from drinking such materials by mistake.

Yours, etc.
Dr. K. DROR
Head of the Industrial Medicine Department,
Kupat Holim,
Haifa District.
Haifa, January 12.

SUMMER TIME

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I should like to join the many who are in favour of Summer Time. I, too, prefer to go to work in the cool morning hours, and use the daylight hours after work for a refreshing swim in the sea, which pleasure I shall not be able to enjoy if darkness falls at 6 or 7 o'clock.

I very much hope that the appropriate authorities will not deprive us of an additional hour of coolness in the evening and will maintain Summer Time as before. What about a referendum to see how many are for and against Summer Time?

Yours, etc.
(Mrs.) E. DALLMANN
Haifa, January 22.

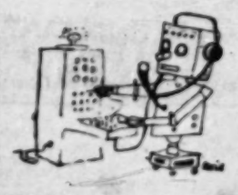
PEN FRIENDS

PETER A. JACOBS, 21, of "Barrington" 42, Church Road, Shanklin I.O.W., U.K., would like to exchange stamps with an Israeli. His other hobbies are art (mainly painting), music, reading, collecting match box and cheese labels, plus a little photography.

BEULAH JONKELOWITZ, 18, of 36 Somerset Street, Nigel, Transvaal, South Africa, whose interests are wide but who is particularly interested in reading and active in sport, would like to correspond with boys and girls a few years older.

KEEPING POSTED

YOU think that the robot tell-you-the-time number on the telephone is the latest? There are bigger and better robots in London. Take the ipsophone, for instance. When you are out of your office, callers are told by the Robot "Keeping Posted (or whoever it may be) is not in.



Would you care to leave a message?" It then records the message and stores it up on a tape until you come back from lunch. Then you take your key, unlock the machine, and let it play back the messages to you. But if you are going to be away for a couple of days and are in a hurry to know what has been going on, all you have to do is to ring up friend robot and ask for the messages. But what, then, is to prevent everybody else ringing up and ferreting out your business? Why, your private code with the robot, which opens up only to your own voice, saying your hallo at just the right intervals to the robot's inquiries. Just in case you don't trust your musical ear sufficiently to pull off this trick, you can also set code numbers, and repeat these to the robot. As long as you don't lose your nerve and stammer at the thought of the relentless creature listening at the other end, the thing works fine.

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A CORRESPONDENT from Upper Galilee writes that he noticed a little item concerning the returning of a church bell to the priest of Meri Ajoun in the Lebanon, and adds that after giving the matter some thought he has decided to tell the story of what really happened to the bell. First of all, he says, Meis el Jabl, where we thought the bell had come from, is not an abandoned village, and the bell was never there. That village is in the Lebanon, just west of Kibbutz Menara. In 1948 it was temporarily occupied by Israel forces, but returned to the Lebanon when the armistice was signed. The bell really came from Abil el Qamh, which is referred to as Abel Beth-Maachah in the Books of Samuel, Chronicles and Kings. (So Ben Hadad hearkened unto King Asa, and sent the captains of the hosts which he had against the cities of Israel and Ijon, and Dan, and Abel Beth Maachah, and all Cinneroth with all the land of Naphthali. I Kings 15; 20). This village is really abandoned and ruined, except for the church and tower, which were not damaged.

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IT seems that on December 31, 1948, some kibbutzniklim from Western countries became nostalgic for the sound of bells to ring out the old year and ring in the new. The bell in the abandoned village was a temptation. They took an old truck and a long rope and soon found themselves confronted with about a ton of bell hanging at a dizzy height in the tower. This was a challenge to their ingenuity and after two hours' work, with one man perched on the top of the tower, they got it down and onto the truck, with some vague idea of returning it after it had served its purpose. After much debating it was hung on a kibbutz structure about six metres high, and successfully rung at midnight. The ringing of the bell somewhat alarmed the police, who tracked it down and a few days later arrived with instructions to give it up at once as misappropriated church property. The police had no experience in putting bells back on towers, and the great bell remained outside the station as an ornament for the next nine years.

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AT the first rumours of the Sinai campaign last year it was decided that the bell — "our bell," as they had come to think of it — was just what was needed to sound the alarm in case of need. That was what had been planned in England in the event of an invasion, explained one of the settlers. They received their bell, on condition they would return it as soon as the campaign was over. It was hung on a specially constructed tripod and rung constantly for sheer love of the thing. Reluctantly they returned the bell later to its silent and earth-bound location outside the police station. "We are very happy to know now that the bell has gone back to its owners and will ring out again from a church tower where it belongs," ends the story. Obviously nobody should even borrow a church bell, but we hope that the sharp winds of Galilee will occasionally waft back the sound of the bell to the borrowers who took such a fancy to it.

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A SWISS visitor familiar with the United States stood in the main street of Beersheba, looking around.

"Extraordinary," he said, "that the Middle East should be so like the Middle West."

Yesterday's Press

Russia's Influence on M.E.

Haboker (General Zionist), while agreeing to the contents of Israel's reply to the Bulganin note, feels that we should have placed the main emphasis on the fact that Israel's paramount concern was not with peace as such, but with the fear of the standing Arab threat, with or without tacit Soviet backing, to annihilate her. Perhaps, continues the paper, Russia's mooted change in attitude towards Israel will prevail upon the Arabs to tone down these threats.

Israel has long been asking for a chance to go ahead with her work undisturbed and in an atmosphere of peaceful coexistence, writes **Davar** (Histadrut). Even the Sinai campaign, which the Russians resent, was fought as a result of this desire for peace. As long as Moscow is trying to get backing for its summit talks proposal, why not call for an Israel-Arab conference as well, and prevail upon the Arabs to drop their senseless hostility?

Israel's reply, writes **Al Hamishmar** (Mapam), is a sign that she has recognized the fact that Russia has become one of the determining factors in the Middle East and that no settlement without her participation can be considered possible. Israel's reply to the Bulganin note may find it more towards non-identification and neutrality which should in turn be echoed by a Russian move towards better relations and improved understanding.

Omer (Histadrut) writes that the bruited Egypto-Syrian union can be viewed by Israel only as a danger to her welfare, for this union will find expression in a consolidation of its military might against us. We should also note the fact that the opponents of this union, on the eve of their Ankara conference, are not enamoured of Israel and that the arming of both these blocs by the East and the West must necessarily cause concern.

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